Extension to the chiefs of public sector undertaking

1071. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appeared in the "Economic Times" dated 24th March, 1988 under the heading "Playing Favourite" and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it has also been stated that a number of heads of the undertakings including that of National Project and Construction Corporation Limited have been given extensions after superannuation and there are a number of heads of undertakings who continue to employe a charmed life or Tenure;

(c) if so, the names of high officers, who have been given extensions after superannuation; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of the news-item which appeared under the caption "Playing Favourites?" in the Economic Times dated 24th March, 1988 and of the alleged irregularities imputations made therein. It is not correct to say that a number of Heads of Public Sector Undertakings have been given extension beyond superannuation and that there are a number of Heads of such undertakings who continue to enjoy charmed life or tenure. Only a few Public Sector chiefs have given extension beyond superannuation in exceptional cases where developments, which could not have been foreseen, made it necessary to grant extension. As per available information, the following chief executives were given extension of tenure beyond superannuation during 1987-88:-

1. Shri G.T. Pais, MD, Indian Airlines Corporation, from 1-4-87 to 31-3-89.

2. Shri Duleep Singh, CMD, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilzers Ltd, from 8-7-87 to 8-7-88.

3. Col. S. P. Wahi, Chariman, ONGC, from 5-11-87 to 5-11-88.

4. Shri S. K. Bhattacharya, CMD Jute Corporation of India, from 31-12-87 to 30-6-88.

5. Shri J. K. Mehra, CMD, NPCC, till 26-1-89.

6. Shri V. K. J. Rane, MD, IRCON, from 23-3-88 to 23-3-90.

Extension of tenure of chief executives of Public Enterprises beyond superannuation is made only in evry exceptional cases and in public interest.

Indo-Soviet joint council Meet

1072. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two day meeting of the Indo-Soviet Joint Council for implementation of the Science and Technology Programme was held in New Delhi during the last week of March, 1988; and

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached on the conclusion of the meet and the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS

OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The meeting approved a number of projects in thrust areas to be taken up for implementation and reviewed the progress of various matters connected with the Integrated Long Term Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology. The meeting was a follow-up of the agreement signed by the Prime Minister with General Secretary Gorbachove; there was no fresh agreement signed in the meeting.

Citizenship to stateless Sri Lankan persons

1073. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Stateless Sri Lankan who have been given citizenship so far by respective countries under Shastri-Bhandranaike accord 1963;

(b) the number of such Stateless citizens still there in Sri Lanka;

(c) the number out of them likely to be given citizenship by Sri Lanka and India;

(d) by when all Stateless citizens are expected to be settled respectively in Sri Lanka and India; and

(e) what steps are being taken to solve the issue permanently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Under the terms of the Shastri Bandaranaike Agreement of 1964, as modified by the Sirimavo Indira Gandhi Agreement of 1974 and a subsequent agreement signed in January 1986, India has undertaken to grant citizenship to 506,000 and Sri Lanka to 469.000 stateless persons of recent Indian origin. Against the above quotas, India has so far granted citizenship to 420,133 and Sri Lanka to 211,153 accountable persons along with their respective natural increases.

(b) and (c) The number of persons whose applications still remain pending, i.e., 85,867 persons in the case of India and 257,847 in the case of Sri Lanka, remain stateless. Both countries are committed to fulfilling their respective obligations.

(d) As the grant of citizenships and the process of repatriation to India of Indian citizens is dependent on the applicants coming forward and completing all procedures, no definite time-frame can be given.

(e) Both Governments are in touch with each other concerning implementation of the agreements and grant of citizenship to the remaining persons.

Pending cases and vacancies of Judges in Madras High Court

1074. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases that are presently pending in Madras High Court and category-wise figures;

(b) the number of them that are more than (i) three (ii) five and (iii) ten years old and category-wise figures;

(c) the number of vacancies that occurred in Madras High Court along with its date and when each vacancy was filled up during the last three years;

(d) the number of total vacancies that are there in Madras High Court the date of each vacancy;